



# Owen

Owen is 7 years old. Here's what he would like you to know about him

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## My favorite things

I love being read to, and I love playing with kids at a playground or park. Some of my favorite stories are Cricter, George Shrinks, and Harold and the Purple Crayon. Some of my favorite movies are Stewart Little, Black Beauty, Monsters vs Aliens, and Franklin the Turtle. I love to know how things work, particularly cars and tractors. I will ask lots of questions and I love to help working on these things. I love all kinds of animals, especially cats.

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## Things I don't like

Abrupt transitions. A lot of commotion around me. Strangers.

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## Activities I enjoy

Biking, camping, games, cooking, swimming. I am friendly and am good at making new friends and playing with kids my own age.

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## What I want from a family

I would love to have a neighborhood with other kids to play with and family gatherings. I would really like to have a pet, especially a cat. I am used to having much older siblings around, but they shouldn't be mean to me and they have to want me, and like to play with me sometimes. I haven't been around babies or toddlers much.

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## What Owen wants families to know about him

I am helpful and my job is setting the table. I am very good at getting myself ready in the morning and at night. I care about the other people in the family. I am fun to hang out with and good company on errands.

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## What we want families to know about Owen

Owen is a very friendly and inquisitive seven-year-old boy. He loves playing with friends, camping, the beach, bike riding, matchbox cars, legos, cats, hot dogs, ice cream, ranch dressing, and new words like 'aerodynamic'. Owen is engaging, affectionate, empathetic, and imaginative. He shows some effects of early instability willfulness and poor impulse control, but has been responsive to school, community, and home supports and has shown significant improvement since coming into foster care. He has a lot of energy at times, however he can focus when small tasks are given. He is doing very well in his current foster home and is showing steady improvement at school.

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**What we are seeking in a family for Owen**

He would do best in a predictable, stable, structured home, but is becoming more adaptable with time. He would thrive with parents who have calm personalities, are consistent, provide lots of positive reinforcement, and take genuine pleasure in just being with him. He would do best with a two-parent home who work well as a team and have or are willing to get training or experience working with trauma effects. Ideally there would be a careful transition to his permanent home, with a period of visits and weekend stays so that he could build trust and affection for his adoptive family while still secure and reassured in his current network of caregivers. His present foster family is committed to supporting such a gradual transition and working with the adoptive family as needed.

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